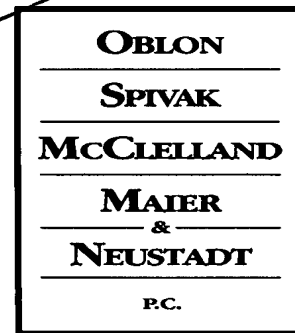


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Group Art Unit: 1712  
Examiner: Metzmaier

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**Response**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2007, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment. Based on the response filed February 23, 2007, the claim identifiers of Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been changed from "Currently Amended" to "Previously Presented". As required, only the corrected Listing of the Claims is attached herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.